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SUBJ: UPDATE ON ZAIRE'S DELEGATION TO PREPCON

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1. NEW REVISIONS OF THE LIST OF DELEGATES CONTAINED
IN REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

2. KUTENDAKANA WILL NOT RPT NOT BE A DELEGATE TO THE
CONFERENCE.

3. MUMPYA MUSUANGAYI-NKUEMBE WILL BE DELEGATE FROM
FONMIN. HE IS DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, IN THE BUREAU OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS.
MAMPUYA HAS BEEN A FREQUENT MEMBER OF GOZ DELEGATION
TO THE UNITED NATIONS. ALTHOUGH HE PROBABLY HAD A
WIDE RANGE OF DUTIES IN THAT JOB, HE REPORTEDLY TOOK
PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE THIRD COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL,
HUMANITARIAN, AND CULTURAL QUESTIONS. HE ALSO SPENT
THREE YEARS AS COUNSELOR IN ZAIRE'S EMBASSY IN ABIDJAN.
EMBASSY CONSIDERS MUMPUYA APPROACHABLE.

4. ITENGE LUTULA BASAIBE WILL BE DELEGATE REPRESENTING
MINISTRY OF ENERGY. HE IS HEAD OF THE
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COMPENSATION BOARD WHICH IS NEGOTIATING COMPENSATION

FOR THE NATIONALIZATION OF MOBIL AND TEXACO OPERATIONS HERE. KITENGE HAS AMASSED WIDE-RANGING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY. FORMERLY HE WAS CHEF DU CABINET AND IN ADDITION TO HIS CURRENT DUTY OF OVERSEEING PETRO-ZAIRE HE IS REPORTED TO BE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE MINISTER ACROSS RANGE OF ISSUES. HOLDER OF A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS, HE WAS EDUCATED IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE. HE IS THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OLD AND REPUTED TO BE SOMETHING OF A PLAYBOY. US SOURCES WHO KNOW KITENGE AND HAVE DEALT WITH HIM SAY THAT HIS FRIENDLY SURFACE MANNER THINLY DISGUISES DEEP-SEATED ANIMOSITY; HE'S "A REAL SOB". MOREOVER, IF ANYONE IS GAME PLANNER OF GOZ'S HANDLING OF COMPENSATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH OIL COMPANIES IT IS UNDOUBTEDLY KITENGE. WITH HIS EXPERIENCE IN NEGOTIATIONS, AND HIS ROLE IN NATIONALIZATION OF OIL COMPANIES HERE, KITENGE WILL BE ONE OF THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT DELEGATES FROM ZAIRE, THE OTHER BEING THE CHAIRMAN, ZOLA.

5. THE DELEGATES ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPART KINSHASA TODAY 4 APRIL FOR PARIS, ACCORDING TO THIS MORNING'S PRESS. THE SAME PRESS REPORT CARRIED A NOTE THAT ONE DELEGATE WOULD BE FROM THE BANK OF ZAIRE. POST HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION WITH OTHER SOURCES.
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